



## Autumn 2025

### Year 9 Options Launch

Dear parent/carer,

A series of presentations and resources will be available on the school website from the 17<sup>th</sup> November onwards which will run through the options and guidance process in place for our year 9 students. The presentations will run through the timeline of support to assist students with their decisions on which courses to follow in year 10 and beyond. The options process will be launched in school with students during their assembly on the 17<sup>th</sup> November, with follow up during their wellbeing lesson on the 24<sup>th</sup> November. We would encourage you to view the information, resources, and presentations in the following location on the school website:

<https://www.whitchurchhs.wales/Curriculum/Y10and11SubjectInformation/>

The timeline of support with key dates is summarised below:

- COMPLETION OF ILPP: September 2025 to June 2026
- YEAR 9 OPTIONS LAUNCH: Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- UPDATED OPTION SUBJECT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE: December 2025
- KEY STAGE 4 SUBJECT OPTION TALKS IN LESSONS AND ASSEMBLY: December 2025 onwards
- **KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS OPEN EVENING / Yr9 PARENT/ CARER ENGAGEMENT EVENING: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**  
**– 5pm till 7pm**
- FREE CHOICE SURVEY: 26<sup>th</sup> January – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – the decisions made by pupils at this stage are used to help formulate the Key Stage 4 option grid.
- OPTION GRID AVAILABLE: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026
- INDIVIDUAL PUPIL INTERVIEWS: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- OPTION FORMS SUBMITTED: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

We are looking forward to working with you and our students to support them with the key decisions that lie ahead. If you have any questions or we can support in any way, please contact us on 02920629700

Your Sincerely,

**Mrs C Robson – Assistant Headteacher 11-14**  
**Mrs C Evans – Year 9 Progress Leader**  
**Miss A Howells - Assistant Progress Leader**  
**Mr D Duncan – KS3 Transition Officer**